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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, ELAB, PFOR, OECD, SF, EEC, SZ
SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR COMMON CODE FOR FIRMS OPERATING IN
SOUTH AFRICA

1. WE GAVE COPY OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR CODE OF CONDUCT
TO MFA OFFICIALS IN BOTH POLICAL AND ECONOMIC
DIRECTORATES JAN. 10. REACTION WAS ONE OF SOME
PERPLEXITY. BOTH OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT FROM THEIR
POINT OF VIEW EC CODE ON CONDUCT IS VOLUNTARY AS THERE
IS NO WAY TO FORCE FRIMS TO FILE COMPLIANCE REPORTS,
ALTHOUGH ONE OFFICIAL DID NOTE THAT PROVISION FOR
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EC REVIEW OF REPORT CARRIES IMPLICATION THAT FAILURE
OF FIRMS TO COMPLY MIGHT RESULT IN SOME ACTION
AGAINST THEM. OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE
OF ANY AGREEMENT AT NOVEMBER 24 MEETING (REF. ?) TO
PRUSUE SUBJECT OF EXPANDED CODE AND SAID HE WOULD
CHECK INTO IT.

2. BEYOND THESE POINTS, OFFICIALS WERE PUZZLED ABOUT
PRUPOSE OF OUR PRPOSAL AND UNCLEAR ABOUT WHAT COULD
BE DONE NOW. WHILE RECOGNIZING U.S. DESIRE TO ADHERE
TO A CODE WHICH IS CLEARLY VOLUNTARY, EC COUNTRIES ARE
UNLIKELY NOW TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN A CODE LESS STRICT
THAN THE ONE THEY HAVE ALREADY SIGNED.

3. WE WILL PURSUE SUBJECT WITH ITALIANS. MEANWHILE,
EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME FURTHER DETAILS ON U.S. THINKING
WHICH WE WOULD USE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA. HOLMES

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